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## Letter from Senator Langer to Ben Youngbird Regarding Youngbird's Recent Trip to Washington, August 6, 1958

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August 26, 1958

Hon. Ben Youngbird, Treasurer  
Tribal Business Council  
Fort Berthold Indian Reservation  
New Town, North Dakota

Dear Ben:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter which I have sent to Mr. Robert Fox, Chairman, Eastern Segment, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, about your recent trip to Washington.

It was certainly a great pleasure to see you again, to visit with you and work with you. I know you have always worked very hard for the best interests of the Indian people.

If there is anything at all that I can help you with in any way, please be sure to let me know.

With kind regards and every good wish, I am sincerely,

Your Friend,

WL avb  
Encl.



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August 19 , 1958

Honorable Robert Fox  
Chairman, Eastern Segment  
Fort Berthold Indian Reservation  
Emmet, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Fox:

I thought you would like to know that a delegation of the Tribal Council of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation was in town last week, appearing before Secretary Roger Ernst of the Department of the Interior and before the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to urge that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior put into effect several programs which will be of beneficial interest to the Indian people of the Fort Berthold Reservation and of interest to the Indians of the Eastern Segment of that Reservation. Mr. Carl Whitman, Chairman, Peter Starr, Vice Chairman, Ben Youngbird, Treasurer, John White, Councilman, Samuel B. Matthews, Councilman, and Guy Fox, Councilman, accompanied by Attorney Harry L. Malloy, represented the delegation here in Washington.

While the delegation was here, they also visited with me, Senator Young, the Senate Indian Affairs Subcommittee and several other Senatorial and Congressional offices.

It is always a pleasure to have the delegation from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation come to Washington, because they are so concerned about the problems of the Indian people. I know that you being from the Eastern Segment, would like to know particularly that your representative, Ben Youngbird, was at the forefront in the discussions before the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ben Youngbird, who has been coming to Washington on previous occasions when problems of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation had to be solved, has been one of the most energetic workers on behalf of the Indian people that it has ever been my privilege to observe. He is well known in both the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and before the Congressional Committees on Indian Affairs as a person who comes well prepared with the facts and the knowledge of presenting those facts to state fully the case of the Indian from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

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The Eastern Segment was well represented by Ben Youngbird, as were the other Segments represented by the above mentioned members of the delegation.

In closing, I want to say it was a privilege for me to call Secretary Ernst and Commissioner Emmons to arrange for several meetings and to discuss with these officials some of the problems confronting your people. If at any time there is anything further that I can do to be of service, do not hesitate to let me know.

With kindest regards and hoping you are well and happy,

I am

Sincerely,

WL avb